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**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

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Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated August 11, 2003, applicants respectfully request reconsideration of claims 1-16 in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this response.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this response.

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